## 2006 - 2007

## WISCONSIN WATER & WASTEWATER FUNDING SOURCES & ASSISTANCE

Organization DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR)

Program Title Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP)

Eligible Applicants Any city, village, town, county, town sanitary district, public inland lake protection

& rehabilitation district, or municipal water district.

Grant, Loan Or Other Type Of

**Program** 

Subsidized Loans

**Eligible Project Type** 

Projects to construct or modify public water systems to comply with public health protection objectives of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Funding Available Per Year Per Program

About \$15 million annually for loans; at least 15% of available funds must be allocated to public water systems serving less than 10,000 persons.

**Maximum Grant/Loan** 

No applicant may receive more than 25% of the state subsidy available in a biennium.

**Typical Application Cycle** 

- Applicant submits a "Notice of Intent to Apply" (ITA) form and "Priority Evaluation and Ranking Form" (PERF) to DNR by December 31.
- DNR publishes a project priority list in Spring after processing ITAs and PERFs.
- Applicant submits a loan application and plans and specifications to DNR by April 30.
- DNR publishes a funding list after reviewing applications.
- SDWLP loans must close by the April 30 of the following year.

Estimated Time To Prepare Application

1-2 weeks

**Major Application Criteria** 

SDWLP loan funds are distributed on the basis of a competitive priority scoring system which includes the following criteria:

- Most serious risk to human health.
- Projects needed to ensure compliance with Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments.
- Financial need.

Applicants meeting the following criteria may receive a lower interest rate:

- Population < 10,000.</li>
- The applicant's adjusted Median Household Income (MHI) is 80% or less of the state's adjusted MHI.

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## **Additional Comments**

- Interest Rates subject to change.
- Maximum loan term of 20 years.
- Bond counsel required for loans.
- The applicant must provide the SDWLP with a tax exempt bond or note which can be a general obligation, revenue pledge, special assessment pledge, or a combination.
- The applicant must make a good faith effort to utilize disadvantaged businesses.